

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
for**

**Bridge / Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on US-191
from 400 North in Moab City
to SR-279 (Potash Road) in Grand County, Utah**

Project No: BHF-0191(27)129E

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), in coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), herewith advises all interested persons or groups that it proposes transportation improvements to a 3.7-mile portion of US-191, from 400 North in Moab to SR-279 (Potash Road) within Grand County. The proposed action includes replacing the US-191 bridge over the Colorado River with a new bridge that consists of four travel lanes, a median, and shoulders. The roadway would also be widened to four lanes to meet the existing and projected travel demand through the design year 2030 and provide continuity between the four-lane sections north and south of the project limits. The proposed action would improve safety throughout the project corridor by upgrading shoulders and meeting design standards. Bicycle and pedestrian movements along US-191 would be facilitated by the addition of shoulders, sidewalks, and/or separated paths. Construction would be conducted in phases, based on availability of funding. Phase 1 would replace the US-191 bridge over the Colorado River and associated roadway approaches. Also included in Phase 1 is a separated facility for non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian traffic between the US-191 bridge and the Courthouse Wash Kiosk. Other improvements would not be implemented until further funding becomes available.

An Open Forum Public Hearing conducted by UDOT will be held on December 12, 2006, in the Grand Center, 500 West 182 North, Moab, Utah. The No Build and Preferred Build Alternative will be presented for public comment at this hearing. Members of the public are invited to review illustrative materials and discuss the proposed project with project team members at any time between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The governing officials of Moab City and Grand County are aware of this project and have been invited to this hearing.

During the hearing, verbal and/or written testimony will be received from all interested persons or groups regarding the features of the proposed project or its social, economic and environmental effects. Any person or group unable to attend the public hearing, but wishing to give testimony pertinent to the aforementioned project, may do so in writing. This testimony may be submitted to: US-191 Colorado River Bridge, c/o Michael Baker Jr. Inc., 6955 Union Park Center, Suite 370, Midvale, UT 84047. For inclusion in the official public hearing transcript, letters or comments must be postmarked no later than January 2, 2007. Please begin such testimony by making reference to the project.

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The public is further advised that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for this project that defines the scope of the project, alternatives, potential for environmental impact, and mitigation measures that might relieve potential impacts. The Draft EA may be reviewed at the following locations during regular office hours:

- Moab Information Center, Main and Center Street, Moab;
- Michael Baker Jr., Inc., 6955 Union Park Center, Suite 370, Midvale (technical reports are also located at this address);
- UDOT Region 4, 1345 South 350 West, Richfield; and
- FHWA, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City.

Comments on the Draft EA are due January 2, 2007 and should be submitted to: US-191 Colorado River Bridge, c/o Michael Baker Jr. Inc., 6955 Union Park Center, Suite 370, Midvale, UT 84047, or e-mailed to US191ColoradoRiver@mbakercorp.com. Comments received to date are also available for review at this address. The Draft EA and further project information is also available through the project website: www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/.

Further information about the project can be obtained by contacting Carlos Machado, FHWA Program Manager, (801) 963-0183 ext. 231; or Randall Taylor, UDOT Environmental Engineer, (435) 893-4714. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should notify Myron Lee, UDOT Public Involvement Coordinator, 1345 South 350 West, Richfield, (435) 893-4702, no later than December 5, 2006.